

REMARKS

In response to the request for a new oath or declaration, a declaration executed by three of the four inventors was filed with the response filed on July 28, 2003. The fourth inventor was not available at the time the first response was filed and Applicants had submitted that they would file a fully executed declaration when the fourth inventor was available. A fully executed declaration is filed herewith.

Also filed herewith is a revised Sequence Listing (paper copy and CRF copy) that corrects a minor error in the Sequence Listing filed on September 4, 2001. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the enclosed substitute paper and CRF copies of the sequence listing be entered into the file of the captioned application.

Applicants hereby inform the PTO that a continuation-in-part of the captioned application, U.S. Patent Application No. 10/077,027, Attorney Docket No.: (11068-008-999), Confirmation No.: 2397, was filed with the PTO on February 15, 2002. Further, Applicants hereby inform the PTO that another pending application by the same inventors, U.S. Patent Application No. 10/164,290, Attorney Docket No.: (11068-053-999), Confirmation No.: 7517, was filed on June 4, 2002.

No fees are believed due in connection with this response. However, pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.136(a)(3), the Commissioner is authorized to charge all required fees, fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 and all required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment, to Pennie & Edmonds U.S. Deposit Account No. 16-1150 (order no. 11068-052-999).

Respectfully submitted,

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